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re: FY 05-07 FSTIP Transit Amendment 5 for the  
Santa Barbara County Association of  
Governments (SBCAG)

Dear Mr. Chittenden:

Thank you for your letter dated March 23, 2005, approving the FY 05-07 FSTIP Transit Amendment 5 for SBCAG. It contains a Section 5307 project for operating assistance from San Luis Obispo to Santa Maria for funding by the Federal Transit Administration.

The amendment was developed by a process in accord with 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 53. Transit Element projects are exempt from air quality conformity determination. Our finding was coordinated with the Federal Highway Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency.

This letter constitutes approval of the amendment of the Transit Element in the California Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, with the understanding that the eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all administrative requirements.

If you have questions about our review, please call Ms. Donna Turchie, Transportation Representative, at (415) 744-2737.

Sincerely



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Regional Administrator

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